

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1027 – SB 1016

April 13, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Removes the Tennessee Medical Examiner Advisory Council from its wind down period so it will not terminate on June 30, 2017. Extends the Council to June 30, 2018. Renames the Council the Tennessee State Medical Examiner Advisory Council and restructures the Council to include 21 members with broad authority to disapprove administrative action and legislative proposals affecting medical examiners from the Department of Health and State Chief Medical Examiner.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,300/One-Time  
\$72,100/Recurring

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007222):** Deletes and replaces language of the proposed legislation such that the only substantive changes are: (1) removes the provision that required the State Chief Medical Examiner's office to be responsible for providing administrative support to the State Medical Examiner Advisory Council; (2) changes the makeup of the Council to include 12 members instead of 21; and (3) adds language that requires the Council to submit an annual report on death investigations and various other reports to the Commissioner of Health.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,400**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Council is made up of 12 members, the State Chief Medical Examiner will serve as Ex Officio voting member of the Council; therefore, 11 members of the Council will be reimbursed for travel expenses. Meetings have to be held at least annually with additional meetings as frequently as may be required.
- Travel expenses will equal \$1,355 [(\$0.47 per mile x 262 miles roundtrip) x 11 members] for each one-day meeting of the Council.

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- It is unknown how many times the Council will meet per year; therefore, it is assumed that the recurring expenditures will exceed \$1,355.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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